

Amendment to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 1 line 11 and ending on page 1 line 25 of the patent application as originally filed with the following amended paragraph shown in marked-up form:

This application is related to (1) U.S. Patent Application No. 09/812,536 ~~(Attorney Docket No. SUNMP002A)~~, filed March 19, 2001, and “Method and Apparatus for Providing Application Specific Strategies to a Java Platform including Start and Stop Policies,” (2) U.S. Patent Application No. 09/812,537 ~~(Attorney Docket No. SUNMP002B)~~, filed March 19, 2001, and “Method and Apparatus for Providing Application Specific Strategies to a Java Platform including Load Balancing Policies,” (3) U.S. Patent Application No. 09/833,845 ~~(Attorney Docket No. SUNMP003)~~, filed April 11, 2001, and entitled “Method and Apparatus for Performing Online Application Upgrades in A Java Platform,” (4) U.S. Patent Application No. 09/818,214 ~~(Attorney Docket No. SUNMP005)~~, filed March 26, 2001, and entitled “Method and Apparatus for Managing Replicated and Migration Capable Session State for A Java Platform,” and (5) U.S. Patent Application No. 09/825,249 ~~(Attorney Docket No. SUNMP006)~~, filed April 2, 2001, and entitled “Method and Apparatus for Partitioning of Managed State for a Java based Application.” Each of the above related application are incorporated herein be reference.